LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE COUNTY CLERK'S BOOKS. THE ORDER FOR A MANDAMUS ISSUED-A STAY AP-PLIED FOR.

Judge Davis appeared at noon Saturday last at Supreme Court Chambers to settle the order requiring the County Clerk to exhibit his fee books to the umittee of the Bar Association. The committee Mesars. Lord. Bush and Maclean, appeared on one side and E. R. Meade and W. A. Beach for Mr. Gumbleton. After a good deal of discussion the following was

Ordered, That a peremptory writ of mandamus issue out of and under the seal of this Court, directed to the above-named respondent, the Clerk of the County of New-York, enjoining and commanding him forthwith, upon service thereof, to produce and exhibit to the above-named relators, or any or either of them, and allow them, or any or either of them, and allow them, or any or either of them, to unspect and examine at all times during effice hours of each and every day, waen they may demand such inspection, all books kept by the respondent, pursuant to the law of 1847, Cap. 432, in such case made and provided, containing an account of all or any fees, perquisites and emoluments actually received by him for any services done by him, or by his assistants, in his or their official capacity, and containing an account of all or any fees, perquisites and emoluments which said Clerk has been entitled to demand or receive from any person for any service rendered by him in his official capacity, pursuant to law. And it is further ordered that the respondent pay to to the relators \$10, the cost of this motion.

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It was after 2 o'clock when this order was made, and a copy was at once served upon the County Clerk. His counsel applied to Judge Donohue for an order, returnable at 3:30 p. m., requiring the Bar Association Com mittee to show cause why an order should not be mittee to show cause why an order should not be granted staying all proceedings the under writ of mandamus pending an appeal. It was nearly 4 o'clock when counsel appeared before Judge Dononne. Mr. Beach urged that a stay could work no material injury to any one, and that the County Clerk would suffer great personal inconvenience if it were refused.

Mr. Lord said that personal inconvenience of a public officer did not furnish a good reason in a case like this. He thought the County Clerk did not desire to have his books examined. If a stay were granted he thought the condition should be made that the appeal be perfected at once, so that it might be heard at the present General Term.

General Term.

Mr. Beacu argued that the County Clerk's offer of December 14 was made in good faith, but that now, under advice of counsel, he would heve exhibit the books except under order of the Court. Decision was reserved.

FAILURE OF ELIAS BROTHERS. A FIRM WITH A CHECKERED CAREER AND MANY "CROOKED" TRANSACTIONS—OTHER ASSIGN-

Elias Brothers, William M. and Ellis H., well known as having been connected with the "sawdust game," "Milton gold" jewelry, and numerous lottery and "gift enterprise" schemes, made an as signment on Saturday, for the benefit of creditors, to Hamilton Fish Burnett. The Ettas brothers came to this city from Cincinnati about ten years ago. They opened an office at No. 599 Broadway, with branches all opened an office at No. 599 Broadway, with branches all over the city. For several years they conducted the "sawdust" scheme, the receipts amounting to several hundred thousand dollars. The police and postal authorities broke up this business. They next introduced the "Milton" gold watches and jewelty, and a large slore was rented on Broadway at \$1,000 a menth, in which to display the new metal, "equal to gold, and at out-twentieth its cost." The next venture was the "Dollar Store," the first of its kind in this city, followed by "The Chicago Rehef Distribution," a Cuban Relief Concert, and many other bogus schemes. The watch business was carried on by Elias & Co. at Broadway and Twenty-secondest. The branch offices were under the manes of Russelt & Co., Eight & Co., Hopping & Co., Hetherington & Co., and Robert A. Skeeps. Several of these were broken up by the authorities on complaints of persons in the rural districts who claimed to have been swindied.

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William M. Elias was the buyer of the firm, and he
always paid cash. The firm had been in negotiation
with its creditors for some time for an extension of powment, and the assignment was forced by one of the
creditors bringing a suit in attachment. The liabilities
Elias & Colare placed at about \$50,000. Most of the
of creditors are in the jewelry trans. Among them are J.
P. Horkinson & Co., J. M. Young & Co., Stephen Richardson & Co., William Richardson, A. Busbee & Co.,
and P. G. Whiney & Co. Damel A. Loring is a preferred
recitor for \$9,000. The assets consist of watches, jewelry, and fancy goods of little value.

Assignments for the benefit of creditors were
filed on Saturday by Robert U. Hayward to Charles
Stoppelkan and by Frederic Graf to Henry M. Blaskopt,
Judge Van Hoesen placed the bond of the assignce of
Olyphant & Co. at \$100,000. Schedules were filed on
Saturday in the Court of Common Pleas by William
Roth to Philip Seidel, Charles Bellows to Sidney Wintringham, and by Asia & Seidendorf to Heury E. Elsier.

CONTAGION IN BROOKLYN RESIDENCES.

The death of James S. Rockwell, the Brooklyn millionaire, at his residence, No. 4 Monrague-terrace, one of the most aristocratic parts of the city, was caused by scarlet fever fol-lowing diptheria, and an effort has been made to trace the source of the contagion. On Decem-ber 27, 1878, Kutherine R. Carhart, age four, the granddaughter of Mr. Rockwell, died from the same combination of diseases, and several other cases of diptheria and scarlet fever have occurred in the house during the past year. The house was built two or three years ago, and the plumbing arrangements were believed to be perfect. In spite of this it is the belief of the Health authorities that sewer gas has caused the diseases which have infected the house. The records of the Health Department show that cases of scarlet fever and diptheria have occurred in many houses drained by the sewer with which Mr. Rockwell's house by the sewer with which Mr. Reckwell's house is connected. Sanitary Superintendent Raymond said on Saturday: "The Board of Health has so much to do in inspecting tenement houses, boarding houses and houses containing two families, that it has been compelled to leave uninspected, except upon application, houses occupied by single families, in most instances by the owners themselves. There is something of the feeling that a house is a man's castle, and though we have the right, I suppose, to go where we choose, we hereful to do so in the case of strictly private families, except by request. We therefore know nothing about the condition of the plumbing in Mr. Reckwell's house. The cases were duly reported here, and there being experienced physicians in charge, we felt that if wanted we would be called upon. Probably we shall now inspect the premises." Mr. Rockwell's funeral will take piace this afternoon.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE CITY COURT. Judge Cowing will sit to-day for the first time in the City Court. On Saturday he completed his list of appointees as Court officers, and notices were sent to each of those named, as follows:

William Nugent, William Nugent, Eibert Miller, Lawrence A. Curry, Peter Scaman, Taonas H. Rilev, William Nethercett, John H. Brady,

Audrew McCabe, Henry C. Patterson, Wi liam J. McNeil, John S. Phillips, D. B. Schoffeld, Henry Weish.

Mr. Nugent is retained in his place, in which he served under Judge Sutherland. He has always been an active Republican. Mr. Miller is an Auti-Tammany Democrat. as also is Mr. Curry, who resigned from Tammany Hall rather than support its men and measures. Carry was a Deputy Sheriff under Brennan, and saw long and active a Deputy Sheriff under Brennan, and saw long and active service as the chief assistant to Deputy-Sheriff Judson Jurvis, engaging in the arrest of McDonaid, the Bank of England forzer, William M. Tweed, Connoily and others of the "Ring." He has since been a City Marshai. Peter Beeman has been acretofore employed at French's Hotel. Henry C. Patterson is a brother of the former Excise Commissioner, Jacob Patterson, who is to be Clerk of the Board of Aldermen. All the others named are Republicans.

A SAILOR BOY'S DESTITUTION. John Kelly, age fifteen, a sailor boy from Dublin, who has made two voyages to America has been seeking a ship since his arrival, early in December, on the bark Arena from Antwerp. On Friday last, while maddened by liquor given him by a strange sailor, he attempted to jump into the East River from Pier No. 13, but was prevented, and afterward taken into the custody of Officer Hitchman, of the Steambeat Squad. After passing the night at the New Street Station-house, he was sent on Saturday before Justice Otterbourg at the Tombs, to whom he told his story. Otterbourg at the Tombs, to whom he told his story. Kelly lost his father by shipwreck a year ago; his mother died when he was very young. Shortly after his father's death, he shipped as a cabin boy on a vessel to tais port, whence he sailed afterward to Antwerp. He is a bright-eyed had, somewhat undersized, but his precedity and independence have made him a favorite. Among the sailors he coos by the name of "Lattle Martinspike." Justice Otterbourg discharged the boy, who promised to visit him if he did not succeed in getting a ship. Kelly has been befriended by a kind ferrount at Cornilership. German at Coentles-slip.

IDENTIFYING A FROZEN MAN.

The body of an old man, frozen stiff, was found on Saturday morning in a lot in Eighty-eighth-st., pear First-ave. At the Twenty-third Precinct Stationhouse, whither it was brought, several officers recognized house, whither it was brought, several officers recognized it as the body of Thomas McCormick, an inmate of the Poornouse on Binckwell's Island, in past years well-known in the neighborhood. Robert Collins, a son-inlaw of Mr. McCormick, also identified the body at a glance. It was asked how the old man came to leave the island, and the fact became known that he was still there, saie and sound. Yesterday it was discovered that the dead man was James McArthur, seventy-four years of age, missing from his home, No. 317 East Seventy-eighth-st., since New Year's Day. He probably strayed through the gate into the lot, and while resting on the rock by which he was found, was overcome by the coid.

INSANITY OF A THEATRICAL MANAGER.

J. M. Mortimer, a theatrical manager for many years at Philadelphia, was found early Saturday morning wandering aimlessly about the streets. Without an overcoat and with thin slippers on his feet, he inquired of a policeman whom he met where he could inquired of a policeman whom he met where he could find a house with 250 rooms, which he wished to transform into a theatre. Later he was taken to his home at No. 111 Eidridge-st. Mr. Mortimer was formerly proprietor of the variety theatre in Philadelphia known as Mortimer's Varieties, and afterward of the Grand Central Theatre. After several prosperous seasons he sought relief from financial embarrasments in bank-gruptcy, and afterward became involved in lawsuits. He came to this city, where his wife, under the stage name

of Ida Morris, has played at several variety theatres. For several weeks Mr. Mortimer has shown symptoms of

LARGE TRANSACTIONS IN BONDS. Secretary Sherman, on Saturday, issued a second call for the redemption of \$10,000,000 of the 5-20s of 1867, making \$20,000,000 called in since January 1, and leaving outstanding of this issue \$290,610, 450, which it is hoped will be funded during the present year. The subscriptions in this city, on Saturday, to the 4 per cent bonds were \$7,000,000, the Continental Bank forwarding \$2,000,000, and the First National Bank \$5,000,000—the second subscription of \$5,000,000 by the latter bank in the new year. 100.000-the second subscri

BEQUEATHING HIS BODY FOR DISSECTION. Dr. A. Habell, late of No. 232 Fifth-st., died at Roosevelt Hospital on New Year's Day. He was an Austrian, exiled from his country for political offences, and a man of learning. He had travelled exeffences, and a man of learning. He had travelled extensively in South America, and some of the results of
his researches were published by the Smithsonian Institute. Dr. Habell was a man of radical views. In his
will, which begins: "In the name of the Supreme
Being, Humanity, before whom we all bow," he bequeathed his body to any college in the city which would
accept it for dissection, he order that it might be devoted
to the interests of humanity. Dr. Sands, Professor of
Anatomy in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, accepted the gift on behalf of that institution, and removed
the body from Roosevelt Hospital last Saturday.

SCARLET FEVER AND DIPHTHERIA.

Scarlet fever caused 53 deaths last week; diphtheria 31. During the week 218 cases of fever, and 72 cases of diphtheria occurred. The total number of cases of scarlet fever for December amounts to 644. against 408 in November, 210 in October and 127 in against 408 in November, 210 in October and 127 and 128 September. The diphtheria record is: September 101; October, 192; November, 221; December, 257. The fever now rages particularly on the west side of the city. There were 3,802 cases of scarlet f.ver in 1878, and 2,515 cases of diphtheria. In 1877, searlet fever, 3,482; diphtheria, 2,337. In 1876, searlet fever, 2,422; diphtheria, 3,510. In 1874, searlet fever, 1,730; diphtheria, 4,521. In 1874, searlet fever, 3,651; diphtheria, 3,684.

MEDALS FOR FAIRBANKS'S SCALES.

Fairbanks & Co. have on exhibition in their window, No. 311 Breadway, the seven medals which they received at the Paris Exposition, and which attract much attention from passers-by. They received five much attention from passers-by. They received five medals on scales—two gold, two silver, and one bronze; a gold medal on the type-writer, and a bronze medal on oscillating pumps. They announce that they were awarded more medals than any other exhibitor at any world's fair, and a gold medal at a higher rating than was given on any other scale. A recent test in Russia of their scales resulted in detecting an attempt to swindle the Saviour's Cathedral of Moscow out of \$2,500 in stating that a bell weighed 64,800 pounds when it really weighed only 59,562 pounds.

MRS. DENNEDY NOT KICKED TO DEATH. Catherine Dennedy, of No. 502 West Thirtysecond-st., who was found in her room on Thursday night nsensible from what was at first supposed to be the results of her husband's "rutality, died at the Roeseveit Hos-pital at 5:30 o'clock Saturday morning. The post-mortem examination, however, revealed the fact—that Mrs. Denedy died from a complication of four disorders, superin uced by hard drinking, and not from any wounds in flicted by her husband. The husband, who was supposed to have kicked his wife, is still in the Tombs.

THE EXCISE COMMISSIONERS.

A STRONG CHARGE BY JUSTICE KILBRETH. HE HOLDS THAT THE COMMISSIONERS ARE CRIMI-NALLY LIABLE FOR GRANTING A HOTEL LICENSE TO A SALOON-THEY ARE HELD IN \$1,000 BAIL EACH.

Police Justice Kilbreth has had before him for some time a charge in the nature of a criminal com-plaint against the Excise Commissioners, Richard J. Morrison and Dr. Philip Merkie, for granting a full license to Edward F. Byrne and Richard White, of Byrne & White, of No. 19 West Houston-st. The proceeding was pressed by an agent of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, on the ground that the place was a resort of low characters, that it was in no proper sense a hotel, that no hotel was needed there, and that the police had informed the Commissioners of the reasons against it. censing the place. The Commissioners claimed that they had made all the inquiry in their power, and only after being satisfied of the propriety of granting a license is sued one. An enormous mass of testimony was taken on either side. On Saturday Justice Kilbreth called the Commissioners and held them each to \$1,000 bail to answer an indictment, giving the following reasons for

"The accused Commissioners of Excise of this city are charged with misdemeaner for having on April 16, 1878, illegally granted Edward F. Byrne and Edward White a license to seil strong and spirituous liquors in quantities less than five gallons at a time, to be drunk at No. 19

West Houston-st. "It was conceded upon the examination or established by competent testimony that Byrne & White have for nearly three years occupied the first floor of No. 19 West Houston-st. as a bar-room; that in September, 1877, they filed with the Board of Excise an application to sell liquors as hotel-keepers, which, having already on two occasions—the latter one as late as February 20, 1878—been reported upon unfavorably by two inspectors of the board, was on April 16, 1878, for the third time. referred to another inspector, and on his favorable report the license was issued upon the same day; that at e time the license was granted nineteen simi ar li censes to keepers of hotels within two or turee blocks of
the premises, and 998 similar licenses to keepers of
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the city, had been issued, and were still in
force; that the Commissioners had no information, and
made no effort to obtain any, that a belet was required
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more than the commissioners and the rear part of the second
floor, recently acquired; that apart from the bor-room
there were no accommodations for travellers except
three beds and bedding, a washstand, a table, with a
dozen bates, and a cocking store, with one or two pots
for cooking purposes, all originally contained in one
room, which was afterward subdivided upon the sugges
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doubt that any Grand Jury could be found to indict them.

THE WEATHER IN THE CITY. OBSTRUCTIONS TO RIVER TRAVEL.

On the rivers there was considerable ice, but the annoyances yesterday were not so great, partly because there was less river travel than on Saturday. For the first time in twenty years the Hudson River was so firmly frozen over at Yonkers that persons crossed on the ice; and between Tarrytown and Nvack the ice was five inches thick. Opposite the Elysian fields the North River was one large field of ice down to Castle Garden, at which point it extended nearly across the river, making it difficult for boats to reach their landings. A number of persons ventured out on the ice at Cortlandt-st., and all save three returned in safety. Three boys were carried a considerable distance down the river on a cake of

ice, and with difficulty were rescued by a tug.

The Eric Railway ferry stopped running from TwentyThird-st. at 9 a. m., on Saturday, and at all the other ferries the boats made long and irregular trips. The tide ries the boats made long and irregular trips. The tide was very low at noon. The Delaware, of the Pavonta Ferry, was caught in the ice and had to make several attempts before she could land her cassencers. The Pavonta had the buckets of her paddies carried away. The Staten Island terry-boots ran as usual, the bay being comparatively free from ice. The East River was comparatively free of ice, except along the Brooklyn shore at flood tide.

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The occan steamers suffer much inconvenience from the ice. The slips are so solidly frozen over that it is almost impossible to bring an incoming vessel up to her pier. The outroing vessels have been delayed beyond their advertised hour of departure by the difficulty of getting lighters and elevators along-slde to load them. Many of the ocean steamships are actually frozen in at their docks, and before they can get out the ice will have to be broken around them. Many outgoing steamers have been delayed. Boats from Newport and neighboring cities have arrived much benindhand.

ROUGH PASSAGES FROM LIVERPOOL.

The steamships Abyssinia and Labradon were the only vessels which arrived from Europe yesterday. The Labrador was reported from Sandy Hook Saturday night. She had fresh easterly winds during the first three days of her passage, followed by heavy head winds, and. December 27, encountered a severe gale, which continued three days. On Thursday the steamer entered a severe hurricane, accompanied by snow, hall and a dense fog and was forced to lie-to forty-eight hours.

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The Abyssina arrived at Quarantine yesterday noon, after a stormy passage of fitteen days from Liverpool. December 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, and 30, she had strong gates and heavy seas. Another gale strong up on Friday, and centimied forty-eight bours, making heavy seas. On December 29 the yessel made only fifty miles, and on Saturday only sixty-six miles. On four other days she made less than 200 miles a day.

The following yessels overdue at this port, had not arrived at midnight: The Suevia, from Hamburg, December 18; Haly, from London, December 20; Donan, from Southampton, December 26; Rhiwinnda, from Cardiff, December 11; Prior, from Gibrallar, December 9; Fernwood, from Cardiff, December 14; Naworth Castle, from Bremen, December 15.

POSTSCRIPT

3:45 a. m.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS. THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

Paris, Monday, Jan. 6, 1879.

All the details of the Senatorial elections add to the crushing character of the Conservative defeat. M. Renan, in the Bouchesdus Rhone, scems not to have obtained a single vote. M. Branne, extrin tadical, was elected. In the Gironde, which cas hither o an Imperialist stronghold, all four Republican candidates were elected. Five Republicans were uccessful in the hord which was also formerly noted for its reactionary sympthies. The Departments of Herault and He-et-Vilaine have also partments of Hierault and heet-viame have accompletely abandoned their former Conservatism. The Conservatives are still dominant in Gers, where ex-Munister Batble has been reflected, and in Indre, where M. Mi Bonby and Clement have been reflected.

There are thirteen vacancies in the Camber of Deputies, in cosequence of Deputies being elected to the

LABOR TROUBLES IN ENGLAND. LONDON, Monday, Jan. 6, 1879.

The conference of master engineers has been postponed until the end of the mouth with a view been postponed until the end of the mouth with a view to securing the coöne-ration of the great railways. The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company have siready eiven notice of the reduction of the wages of their employés. It is said the London and Northwestern Railway Com-pany are about to reduce the wages of their employés or prolong the hours of work.

THE BRITISH INVASION.

LONDON, Monday, Jan. 6, 1878. A special dispatch to The Daily Telegraph says, the British are within three days march of Caudahar. The hostile outposts have sighted each other. The Standard's dispatch from Hazirpir says Genera Roberts had arrived within sight of the residence of the Governor of Khost, who sent in his submission.

BERLIN, Jan. 5, 1879. It is said that Bayard Taylor's Goethe col-[For other Foreign News see Fifth Page.]

BAYARD TAYLOR'S LIBRARY.

MORE FACTS FROM MR. THURMAN.

VERY MILD BATCH OF LETTERS INTIMATING RE-PUBLICAN INTIMIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF REFRESHMENTS.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 .- On Saturday Senator Taurman sent the following supplementary letter to

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4, 1879.
To the Hon. H. M. Teller, Chairman Select Committee

To the Hon. H. M. Teller. Chairman Select Commune of Investigation:

DEAR Sin: In further comphance with the request of your committee, communicated to me by your lefter of the 21st ult., I have the honor now to inclose to you "Installment No. 2" of facts relating to the late elections, and especially to the misconduct of United States Supervisors and Deputy Marshals, to wit:

First.—A letter from James H. Faine, esq., of Jackson-yille, Fia., relative to the misconduct of United States supervisors and deputy marshals at the late elections in the Hd Congressional District in that State.

Second.—An affidavit of Owen J. Somers, of Duval county, Fia., relating to the same subject.

Inited.—A statement of F. C. Randouph, Esq., of Montgomery, Ala., showing the misconduct of the United States Deputy-Marshals at the late elections in that State.

State.

I am assured that these three gentlemen are citizens of high standing and respectability, and I beg leave respectfully to commend their statements to the earnest consideration of your committee. Very respectful your obedient ervant.

A' G. Thurman. Mr. Paines' letter refers principally to the employment of a United States Supervisor of Election and Dep-

uty-Marshal at voting precincts throughout the counties uty-Marshal at voting precincts throughout the counties comprising the "black boit" of Fiorida—Nassau, Duval, Atachua, Colambia, Suwmee, Marion, Madison, Juval, Atachua, Colambia, Suwmee, Marion, Madison, J. fferson and Gadsden. Mr. Paine says there was no carthly necessity for their presence, as the State and local officers were amply able to preserve order and secure a fair election. Mr. Somers says in hisafidavit that colored doputy marshals were engaged in distributing Republican ballots, and persauding colored men to vote the same.

PENNSYLVANIA SENATORSHIP.

SENATOR CAMERON THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS. (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

HARRISBURG, Penn., Jan. 5 .- Those who have some to this city in expectation of seeing a fight between the Cameron and anti-Cameron forces, at the convenient of the Legislature on Tuesday, will be diappointed, simof the Legislature on tessary, are chappened, sim-ply because there is only one anti-Cameron Republican in the Legislature, and be will refuse to go into the caucus, which is to be held on Wedner-day night, for the election of a United States Senanor, Mr. Cameron will be the unanimous choice of the Re-nublican legislators; and it is asserted by the Hon. W. S. bublican legislators, and the second of Not. And Tracy, who is here marshalling the Senator's hosts, that some of the Greenback members will vote for Mr. Cameron. The Legislature, after the election of officers in both branches, will adjourn over for a week, and probably until the Monday evening preceding the Inauguration of General Royt, for which event emborate preparations are now being made.

LARGE FIRE AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Jan. 5 .- The extensive establishment of the St. Louis Beef-Canning Company, on the corner of Fourteenth and Poplar-sts., caught fire at 10:45 o'clock to-night, and at this writing that part of the building facing on Fourteenth-st, is nearly destroyed. In the rear of this building is an alley, on the opposite side of which is another large building used by the company, which the firemen are now trying to save with some show of success.

THE HON. MORTON MCMICHAEL DANGEROUSLY

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5 .- The Hon. Morton McMichael, ex-Mayor of the city, and senior Editor of The North American, is to-night lying dangerously ill of rheumatism. He has been confined to his house for sev-

A colored clergyman within the limits of A colored ciergy man within the limits of recently, and accosting the proprietor, said: "Our church is out ob communion who: "Very well," said the accommodating dealer," about what are you going to want?" "Well," responded the colored wearer of the white neckcloth," we habn't got 'auff communion wine to las de year fru, and some of de ladies ob de congregashun hab expressed a prefrunce for gin!"—[New-Hawen Begrister. HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY AT HUDNUTS, NO. 218 BROADWAY.

9 a. m. 18 ' Noon. 24' S p. m. 26' Midnisht. 21' Highest during time day. 26' Lowest. 17' A crace. 214' Same day, 1878, 27's'

ENTRAL PARK METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY ABSTRACT OF REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING AT 1 F. M. JAN. 4,

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Fifth Avenue Hotel—Senator Henry B. Anthony, of Rhole Island. Clarendon Hotel—Judge Josiah G. Abbott, of Boston, and Miss Clara Lonise Kellogg. Park Avenue Hotel—Judge Joseph Potter, of the New York Supreme Court. Windsor Hotel—General John G. Hazard, of New-Orleans. Westminister Hotel—Miss Annue Louise Cary. St. James Hotel—Ex-Governor Henry D. Cooke, of the District of Columbia. Union Square Hotel—General Thomas L. Rosser, U. S. A., and Judge W. H. Clagett, of Colorado.

NEW-YORK CITY. Not found: Mr. Stewart's body. Unfounded: All reports to the contrary. This is the harvest of the plumber.

Calendars for 1879 are hung upon handsome Two large cobalt blue vases are on exhibi-

tion at Tiffany's, worth \$500. Arrests last week, 1,209; deaths, 555; marrlages, 203 : births, 412 ; liquor licenses granted, 91. The electric light in front of Macy's, in Pourteenth-st., is so brilliant as almost to turn night

THE TRIBUNE has received \$5 from "E. J. B." for the benefit of the Burgdorf family, of No. 119 Forsyth-st.

Justice William H. Kelly, of the Sixth District Court, lies seriously ill at his home in East Fif-teenth-st. Justice Gedney held court in his stead Sat-

The residence of Henry Feltman, No. 680 Lexington-ave., was entered by nurgiars Saturday night and robbed of money, jewels and clothing, in all valued at \$200.

The first mortgage bondholders of the New-York and Oswego Midland Road, on a vote of \$5,500,-000 of the bonds, on Saturday, decided to participate in the scheme for the reorganization of the road.

A circular has been sent to all the Roman Catholic churches in this city, asking the pastors to make their final settlement of the receipts at the Cathedral fair at a meeting of the committee to be held

The Union Fraternelle Française, a benevolent society, has elected the following officers for 1879: President, B. St. Gaudens; Vice-Presidents, H. Pignet and Petler; Secretaries, F. Rocher and F. Mensuy; Trens urer, F. Guethilu. Proceedings will be taken at the Sixth Distriet Court this morning to dispossess Messrs. Fiske

row an application will be made to remove Miss Cummings from the Fifth A enue Theatre. An improper delivery of a package containing £9,112 in exchange, drawn by Drexel, Morgan & Co., started the rumor of a rebbery on Saturday. After

and Raskins from the Fifth Avenue Theatre. To-mor-

payment had been stopped, the package was returned by the firm to whom it had been carelessly delivered. Frederick Pfeiffer, a fireman on the New-York Elevated Railroad, thrust his head from the engine window, near the Fifty-ninth Street Station at 1 p. m Saturday, and it came in contact with the iron railing on the end of the platform. The man was severely in-

Skating suits are made of dark blue cloth trimmed with bands of fur. The bat is of fur, jauntily turned up on one side and held by a bright wing. Sealskin mittens are fashienable for ladies to wear over their kid gloves: this is a convenient fashion, as it does away with the use of a muff. The British ship Bonanza, while passing be-

tween Governor's Island and the Battery on Saturday, for Autwerp, drifted on Diamond Reef, and remained there six hours before she could be got off. She then re-turned to Harbeck's Stores, and, after being unloaded, will go into dock for examination. L. De Bébian, agent for the French Line of

steamships, received a dispatch from Havre on Saturday, stating that the Herder, of the Hamburg-American Line, went ashore at Havre, but that she would be easily floated off. The steamship Amerique, of the French Line, was delayed twelve hours in starting for New-York. The managers of the Philadelphia and

Reading Railroad made arrangements on Saturday to ship large amounts of coal to Port Johnson during the present week. The object of this movement, it was stated, was to bring the coal of the Philadelphia and Reading Co., pany in direct competition for the trade of New-York, at low rates. About two weeks ago a hair-seal, one of the

species which abound on the coast of Labrador, made its appearance at Staten Island. On Tuesday it floated on an ice flee up the bay, until opposite the Battery, when Captain Foster, of the Seth Low, shot it. He presented it to John Malpin, watchman of Clinton Market, who intends to have it stuffed.

The Week of Prayer which began yestervices in different churches. Yesterday meetings were held at the Reformed Church, Fifth-ave, and Twentyninth-st., and the following Methodist Episcopal Churches: St. James, of Harlem; Central, and Eighteenth Street Churches.

An argument against resumption: It was announced in one of the Roman Catholic churches yes terdsy that a gold coin was put on the plate at one of the early morning masses, probably through a mistake; and that the owner could have it returned by applying at the pastoral residence. It was a twenty shilling gold piece and was dropp d on the plate for a penny. The coasting steamship Vindicator, from

Fall River to Philadelphia, belonging to W. P. Clyde & Co., went ashere opposite Mastic, L. I., on Saturday morning. It is hoped to float her off when the sea goes down. When the vessel went ashore two of the sailors jumped overboard and swam to the beach before the life-saving crew of Station No. 17 could get to the Detectives who have been searching for J.

W. Hull, the man who robbed Field & James of \$30,000 in Government bonds, returned to the city on Saturday. It was learned that Hull left the city on the day of the robbery, taking passage on a Fall River steamboat. The detectives traced Hull to Providence, but there the clew was lost. A circular giving a complete descrip-tion of Hull, with his photograph, has been sent out. The fifteenth annual dinner of the Dart-

mouth College Alumni Association of New-York will be held at the Westminister Hotel, January 16. The president, Professor John Ordronux, LL. D., will officiate, and several members of the faculty and many prom and several memores of the leading and analysis and present. Alumni of New-York and its vicinity are requested to forward theirmannes and addresses to General Charles A. Carleton, secretary, No. 98 Broadway, that they may be duly advised as to the proposed reunion.

The Westchester Walking Club gave a dinner Saturday, at the Westminster Hotel. Among the guests of the club were Hosea B. Perkins and Mr. Lowery, of the London Rowing Club. After the dinner Z. J. Halpin, the president, delivered an address upon its purposes and advantages. Speeches were made by Lawrence D. Klernan, clerk of the Board of Education; Dr. C. M. O'Leary, Excise Commissioner Morrison, Matthew Daly and Maurice J. Power. The toast, "Our Guests," was responded to by Mr. Perkins. James McWilliams, of No. 309 East One-

hundred-and-Eleventh-st., at 2 o'clock on December 24 went to Peter Glynn's, at Fifth-ave, and One-hundredand thirty-eighth-st., where he remained until midnight drinking with his friend, and has not been heard of since. On Saturday Edward McWilliams, James's brother, caused the arrest of Glynn, on suspicion of having dealt foully with the missing man, because since the night of the brother's disappearance Glynn has kept the house, his face and neck being cut and bruised. Judge Duffy issued a summons for Mr. Glynn, and paroled him yesterday notif this morning, with the understanding that he was to produce his wife and other witnesses in court for his defence. BROOKLYN.

Permits for the erection of sixteen new uldings were granted last week.

Annie Kenney, a child four months old, was found dead in bed by her mother's side, at No. 380 Hicks-st. Saturday morning. She had become uncovered during the night, and died from exposure to the cold.

In order to keep within its appropriation, the Board of City Works is compelled to make a reduc-tion of \$10,363 in its expenses. (On Saturday four clerks and a draughtsman were discharged, and reductions made to the amount of \$3,240 in the salaries of a num-ber of employes. The contract for furnishing the iron-work

for the wing of the new jail, which is to be built for \$245,000, is to be awarded to Stowell, Saxton & Co., the firm of which Mayor Howell is a member, at a cost of \$45,000. When Supervisor at Large, Mr. Howell op-posed building a new jail. George Shipley, age fifty-six, of No. 96

Warren-st., was admitted to the Long Island College Hospital on December 31, suffering from heart-disease. On Taursday morning he attempted to commit suicide

by jumping out of a window into the yard. He was severely injured, and died at 11 s, m. on that day. A walking match for \$500 between John W. Goodwin, of New-York, and Robert Campbell, of Brooklyn, was begun in Stella Hall, on Bedford-ave. on January 1, and brought to a close Saturday night.

Goodwin was the winner, having walked 235 miles is seventy-five hours, while Campbell covered 216 miles. The report of the Board of Health for the eleven months ending December 1, 1878, states that 1.272 ambulance calls were attended. The total expense of running the two ambulances was about \$4,000 a year, but the Board of Estimate had struck out this item from the estimate for the coming year, and unless some provision was made by the Common Council, the ambulance service, which was a great public benefit, would have to be discontinued.

John Rogers, Barney Heeney, William Lindenfelser, William Batterbee, Charles Keaney and Frederick Louter, members of the "Shorty" Lent gang o burglars, were examined before Justice Gertum in East New-York Saturday, and held for the Grand Jury's action. At the close of the examination Rogers, at his own request, was married by the Justice to Fannie L. Sizel, who accompanied her husband on his return to the Raymond Street Juli.

THE CORB MURDER TRIAL.

NORWICH, Conn., Jan. 5 .- The crowd in and about the court-room yesterday morning, at the resump tion of the trial of Mrs. Cobb for the murder of her hus band, was greater than at any other time. Bishop re sumed the witness stand, and was examined by State-Attorney Waller more in detail regarding the facts testified to on Friday. The witness gave particulars as to the numerous visits which passed between them, and the presents given. More "poems," which Mrs. Cobb had sent him, were put in evidence. After her husband's death she gave him back a parcel of arsenic and strychuine. The arsenic was about half as much as he had given her the last time. He could not tell whether any strychnine had been used or not. The tell whether any strychnine had been used or not. The examination was then directed to the death of Bishop's wife. Being asked whether he knew what was the cause of her death, he declined to snswer, upon the ground that his counsel so advised him. At this point a letter sent by Mrs. Cobb to Bishop while in jail was out in evidence. It was in Mrs. Cobb's handwriting, and had been intercepted by Keeper Beckwith. It contained nothing of special interest. The cross-examination of Bishop was begun, but at 1 o'clock was suspended, and the Court adjourned till Tuesday at 9 o'clock a. in.

PALLEGAD BLOCKADES RAISED.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 5 .- The New-York Cenral Ratiroad is clear to Syracuse, and freight trains are running to-day. The Utica and Black River Road pas-senger and freight trains are running regularly to Watertown and Ogdensburg. The Southern roads are clear. The weather is clear and cold.

ACTIVITY AMONG THE ICE GATHERERS. POUGHKEEPSIE, Jan. 5 .- The Hudson has suddenly become an object of much interest to thou-sands of people for a distance of seventy-five or a hunred miles, for in the next thirty days if the weather be propitious, over three millions tons of ice are to be taken from its bosom and stacked in the many houses which line its banks. All day yesterday hundreds of men and boys and horses were at work at various points north planing the crystal surface various points north planing the crystal surface and preparing it for cutting, and to-morrow north of Ettinebeck the harvest will begin in earnest. Everywhere the ice is in fine condition, and there in a hurrying to and fro on the cars to the various ice fields, and men and boys are being hired as fast as they apply for work. The outlook for ice was never better than

THE FISHKILL SAVINGS BANK BONDS Poughkeepsie, Jan. 5 .- In the hearing of the case of the Fishkill Savings Institution against the ecriver of the Fishkill National Bank, yesterday, to recover \$65,000 of the money stolen from the latter institution, and claimed to belong to the former, testimony was given showing that the savings bank bonds were assigned by virtue of a power of at torney which on investigation proved to have no existence on the books of the saving bank. A copy of the resolution on which the bonds were assigned copy of the resolution on which the bonds were assigned was sent from Washington from the Treasury Depart-ment; but on inspecting the savings bank books neither was such a resolution found. This presents a starting and pernaps controlling fact in the case. If the bonds were assigned by the Government on a forged certificate, then they were not assigned at all.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
TO-DAY. 4:47 ! Clock fast, 6m. 08a.
Moon sets. 5:01 | Moon souths 10:57 | Moon's age, days 14
Sandy Hook 5:02 | Gov. Island. 6:28 | Hell Gate. 8:17
Sandy Hook 6:19 | Gov. Island. 6:55 | Hell Gate. 8:44

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FROM LIVERPOOL—By Steamship Abysinia.—C. Baker, J. L. Boorum, J. L. Caina, Mrs. C. and Miss Coghlan, the Rev. J. C. Craven, Mrs. Craak, Miss Druke, T. Drev, W. L. Ea on, Miss Emmons, M. Fottano, v. Fortuno, J. Gordon, Mrs. John Hemmings, T. Hiller, T. Houston, J. J. Knowies, L. A. Ladd, Mr. McCown, Mr. and Mrs. Migel and five children, A. Morten, Miss A. Raudall, A. Selman, J. R. Smith, J. Smith, G. A. Thouson, V. Trotter, A. Wendell, D. D. Wheedon, Jr., W. Wittwell, Mrs. Wright and mald, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Jeune, FROM "LAVEE—By Steamship Labration.—Mrs. James B. Breese, two children and two autses, H. E. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Petrault and child, J. F. Lee, A. Greco, Mr. & Salier, Mr. and Mrs. F. Berger, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Laurent, Mr. and Mrs. Joyan and maid, S. Jerram, A. B. Dingrovièc, A. G. Austen, G. Ladose, N. Prime, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Murchly and two children, Mrs. V. Murchy, Mrs. Murchly, J. F. Leeco, Miss P. Grenier, E. Angers, B. Mariany, Sister Benoit, Sister M. de la Croix, H. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Grard, G. Mesmin, Mr. Renard, C. B. Talott, Mrs. H. Sandras, Mrs. Van Gaideren and three children, W. H. Johnson.

HVDROGRAPHIC REPORT.

HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE, CHART DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Jan. 5, 1879. The following is the report of the United States Hydraphic Office for the week ending January 4, 1879:

CHARTS CORRECTED DURING THE WEEK. o, of Chart. 578. Title, New Caledonia, southeast part. Caledonia.
 of Chart, 365a. Title, Sardinia, northern part. Correct sheals discovered west of Cape Testa. Strait of Bona

tion, sheals discovered west of Cape Testa, Strait of Bona-facto.
No. of Chart, 287. Title, Bonafacio Strait. Same correction.
No. of Chart, 13. Title, Sonih Pacific Ocean, Sheet 3, west-ern part. Correction. gut established on contre island in Foreaux Strait, New-Zealand.
No. of Chart, 8-7. Title, New-Zealand. Some correction. No of Chart, 282. Title, Mediterrancean Sca Sheet, middle part. Correction, change of color of light at entrance of Porto Canale Fundence, Italy, west Coast.
No. of Chart, 321. Title. West Coast of Italy, Sheet 3. Same correction.

No. of Chart 279. Title, English Channel, Sheet 2, middle part. Correction. change in visibility of Quelern Light, entrance to Brest, France.
No. of Chart, 738. Title, Approaches to Brest. Same correction. on. No. of Chart, 684. Title, Northwest Coast of Fr. nee, Sheet Correction, disappearance of red buoy on Ardentes Bank,

5. Correction, disappearance of red day, of Channey Islands.
No. of Chart, 668. Title, Northwest Coast of France, Sheet
1. Correction, lights on Sana Hills of Carniers, Canche
liver, no longer used as leading lights for entering river.
No. of Chart, 21. Title, North Atlantic Ocean, Sheet 1,
western part. Correction, entrance of bnoy on Cultivator vestern part. Correction, entrance of budy an Curivator-shoul doubtful. No, of Chart, 17. Title, Northeast Coast of North America, Sheet 2. Same correction.
No. of Chart, 15. Title, Gulf of St. Lawrence, Newfound-land, etc., sheet 2. Same correction.
No. of Chart, 1. Title, Cultivator Shoal. Same correction.

SHIP NEWS. ARRIVED.

PORT OF NEW-YORK........Jan. 4.
Str Labrador (Fr), Sanglier, Havre Dec 22, to Louis de Bebian. Str Morgan City, Read, New-Orleans 6 days, to Bogert & dorgan. Sir Gate City, Daggett, Savannah Sdavs, to Geo Yonge, Sir Charleston, Berry, Charleston 3 davs, to J W Quin-

tard & Co.

Str Electra, Young, Providence, to Isaac Odell.

Str Falatea, Walden, Providence, to Isaac Odell.

Str Franconia, Gragg, Portland, Me, to J F Ames. CLEARED.

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Stra City of Berlin (Br), K-amedy, Liverpool via Queenstown, John G Dale, Spain (Br), Grace, Liverpool, FW J Hurst; tarcee (Br), Pearce, London, FW J Hurst; Anchoria (Br), Henderwock, Glascow, Henderson Bross, Oder (Ger), Least, Hremen via Southampton, Oelite & Co. City of Rio Janeiro, Weir, St Thomas, Rio Janeiro, etc. C H Mallory & Co. Berminia (Br), Wilson, Porto Cabello, St Johns, etc. A E Onterbridge & Co. Carondeier, Burrows, Galveston via Key West, C H Mallory & Co. Bennatio (Br), Wilson, Porto Cabello, St Johns, etc. A E Onterbridge & Co. Carondeier, Burrows, Galveston via Key West, C H Mallory & Co. General via Interv. Freeman, New-Orleans, Rogert & Morgan, New-Orleans, Halsey, New-Orleans, Cark & Seannas, City of Savannah, Mallory, Savannah, Geo Yonge, Reginator, Doane, Wilmington, N. C. Win P Civde & Co. Gold Domition, Walker, Norfolk, City Point and Richmond, Old Domition, Walker, Norfolk, City Point and Richmond, Old Domition, Walker, Norfolk, City Point and Richmond, Old Jonnision, Bearse, Boaton, H P Dimock, Barka Charles Fobes, Low, Dunedin, N. Z. R. W. Cameron & Co. Prospero Doge (Hal), Scapparoni, Cork of Faimouth for orders, Slocovich & Co. Arctic (Nor), Ulstrup, Hamburg, Funch, Edve & Co. Herr (Russ), Hentickson, Copenhagen, C'Tobias & Co. Herr (Russ), Hentickson, Copenhagen, C'Tobias & Co. Soren Berner (Nor), Nedersen, Honfleur, Funch, Edye & Co. Mary Pratt, Sawin, Havana, Brett, Son & Co.

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Str Abvssinia (Br), Marphy, Liverpool Dec. 21, via Queenstown 22, to C G Francklyn.
Str Wyanoke, Couch, Richmond, Norfolk and City Point, to Old Dominion 8s Co.
Str Richmond, Kelly, Norfolk, to Old Dominion Ss Co.
Str Norton, Hallett, Boston, to H F Dimock.
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Schr Norton Olders (Ger), Alberts, from Bremen, which arrived the 31st ult and anchored at Sandy Hook, came up to the city today.

WIND-Sunset-At Sandy Hook, fresh, W; hazy. At City Island, NW; cloudy. MISCELLANEOUS.

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LONDON, Jan a.—The American Ship Cromwell, which stranded at Flushing on the lat mat, on her way from Antwerp for New York, has floated.

The British brig Fanny, from Pensacola for Bilbon, arrived at Falmouth to-day. She lost her deck load on the passage, and is leaking.

NORFOLK, Va. Jan 5.—The German steamer Leipzig is ashore off SevenLoot Knoll. An lee-boat is at work on her.

WASHINGTON, Jan 4.—The Situal Corps Station at Chatham, Mass, reports at 2:45 p m as follows: "Schooner Nellie, rom Machias for Newport and New York, is full of water, and entrely covered with ice."

Later—The vessel has drifted ashore and is a total wresk. The crew were reacued. POREIGN PORTS. LIVERPOOR. Jan 4.—Arr strs Tycho Brahe, from New-York: Abdiel and Chillan, both from New-Orleans. QUEENSTOWN, Jan 4.—Arr str Parthia, from New-York for

QUEENSTOWN, Jan 4.—AIT SET PARLIUS, HOM NEW-FORE for LIVERPOOL.

HAVET, Jan 4.—AIT SET HOSIEGEN, ITOM NEW-OFICIAR, SET France, from New-York for this port, was signalled of the Lizard this morning.

ROTTERDAM, Jan 4.—AIT SET MASS, from New-York, QUEENSTOWN Jan 5.—SIT BITHAMMIC, from New-York for LIVERPOOL, was signalled off Fastnet at at 8:30 this evening.

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LONDON, JAN 5.—Valled SOth uit, Ariadne, for New-Oricans, the latter for Doboy, 4th inst, Lake Ontario, for New-York, Lophema, for Pensacola; Harry Douglass, for Tybes, Cullivator.

Hvator.

Arr 1st inst, Quebec, Lois, Sif, Sultana, Mira: 2d inst, Federico Lo Sveno, Alert, Capt Killam: Sadino, Peterborough, Yduo, St Patrick, Harriet Campbell: 3d inst, Banner, Cherokee, Principeasa Margherito di Piemonte, Agra, Edmete, Coin E McNeil, the latter at Dover: Osterlide, at Cowes, Leopoid et Marie: 4t inst, Eliza Guiton, Creat Surgeon, Herbert Tommasseo, Ginseppe Mazzini, Leonora, Capt Blood; HA Parr, Lady of the Lake, Nordenskjold.

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